

NORTH VIEW JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 10, 2005 ♦ 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. ♦ North View Media Center

ATTENDING:

Linda Burk	Sharon Kephart	Sherry Stemm
Greg Burke	Darrell Maloney	Wendy Tuominen
Mary Ellen Chopp	Chad Manders	Laurie White
Sue Dyvig	Bob McCauley	
Sue Eckman	Nancy McElligott	
Makeba Giles	Cheri Montgomery	
Erica Heath	Tosha Moskowitz	
Sue Howard	Barbara Munic	
Diana Huffman	Doug Olson	
Colin Kemmis	Tracy Rahmig	

NEW MEMBERS:

Greg Burke – Health & Safety Committee
Tosha Moskowitz – Staff Development Committee
Makeba Giles – new parent to Site Council

MINUTES:

A motion was made, seconded and September minutes were approved with no corrections made.

It was noted that the Peer Review Committee and the SEM Committee still needed representation at the Site Council meetings. Linda charged Dr. McCauley with finding representation. It was also noted that minutes from the PAG (Parent Advisory Group) meetings and PAN (Physical Activity and Nutrition) meetings should also be sent to Linda by the Friday before Site Council meetings.

Linda Burk also noted that the protocol established at the September meeting would continue to be a part of the agenda each month.

Committee reports that were sent to Linda via email by the first Friday of the month had been sent to Site Council members. Linda asked for any questions regarding the committee reports and any IB-MYP questions.

NEW BUSINESS:

Site Continuous Improvement Plan – Bob McCauley

A packet with information regarding last year's Site Improvement Goals was distributed to each Site Council member. These goals were reviewed and are as follows:

2004-05 Goal Review:

Objective #1: 10% of students enrolled in each of the 7th and 8th grade reading programs from September to May of 2004-2005 will reach grade-level reading (7th grade RIT score of 218; 8th grade RIT score of 222) based upon the end of the year NWEA growth scores (there were 160 enrolled in the reading program for 7th grade and 140 for 8th grade). Goal for 7th grade is 10 students; in 8th grade 9 students. 10% of students enrolled in each of the 7th and 8th grade math lab programs will reach grade-level math (7th grade RIT score of 221; 8th grade RIT score of 228) based upon the end of the year NWEA growth scores. (There were 164 students enrolled in the math program for 7th grade and 106 students for 8th grade). Goal for 7th grade is 10 students; 7 students for 8th grade. Note there is a 35% mobility rate in NV student population.

Objective #2: North View staff will collect and distribute ideas to increase the academic performance of students.

Objective #3: Recognizing that a positive school climate enhances the learning environment, North View will: A) Monitor student attendance and identify chronically truant students and B) Continue to monitor behavior trends in the building.

Other points Dr. McCauley noted were:

- The IB-MYP grant officers want to know if we meet Adequate Yearly Progress; if North View still had Title I funding we would adhere to the “No Child Left Behind” laws, North View would be failing; reading and math scores of ALL students must be improved; 59% of kids are on free and reduced lunch; MCA test scores is what the state of Minnesota holds each school accountable for; current site improvement goals are based on RIT scores from the NWEA tests.
- MCA test scores and NWEA test scores both measure reading and math levels. RIT scores show growth and are a result of the NWEA tests. Darrell Maloney discussed RIT (RausH uniT) scores and what it means from the teacher’s standpoint.
- We need to focus on everybody – high RIT scores and low RIT scores
- Basic Skills Tests for 8th grade students are no longer required. If students did not pass as an 8th grader they must continue to work towards passing the BST. North View has a 75% pass rate for the BST tests. A passing score for BST’s are 600. With BST’s gone, 9th graders will have a writing test on the MCA tests; 10th grade will be the reading test and 11th grade will be the math tests. MCA tests (with reading and math) will still be required for 7th and 8th grade. A score of 1420 on the MCA tests is proficient.
- Information was also presented on the BST tests. Of the students who were in 8th grade last year and took the BST tests for the first time, 160 have not passed one or both parts (reading & math).
- There is a 65% increased drop-out rate by those kids who do not pass the Best’s for the second time
- Dr. McCauley’s promise is that 50% of those kids who are in 9th grade will pass the BST tests. There is a need for BST assessment every 2 weeks to see of progress is being made for those kids who have not passed.
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Question was posed to the Site Council: If the state looks at MCA scores and holds each school responsible for those scores, should our Site Improvement goals reflect MCA scores rather than NWEA scores? Another question posed is the compensatory money being used where it should be?

The Site Improvement Plan is due on October 15th to the district. Question was posed to Dr. McCauley that the Council did not set any goals by the end of that meeting. His response was that he would meet with some staff members and set some goals for the year to meet that October 15th deadline.

- There are 4 things to do at North View Junior High: 1) Improve Reading Scores, 2) Improve Math scores, 3) Behavior Culture – take good things and make them known, 4) IB-MYP Implementation.
- Dr. McCauley also discussed North View’s report card (this is information that is available on the Minnesota Department of Education web site). North View is a one star school – out of five stars – our scores are explained by what North View does on a daily basis for the kids.

IB Update – Sue Howard

- North View is in Candidate Status – Application A is complete and North View will have an IBO Consultant. There will be a visit as soon as December to look at the plan and where North View is going. This consultant will work with North View until we become an authorized school – hopefully in 2 years.
- Science teachers rolled out the areas of interaction – “learning how to learn.” Students will also learn about integrating the school subject areas within the five areas of interaction. Sue asked parents to talk to their students about the 5 areas of interaction and

which area they worked on each day. Because of these 5 areas of interaction, the soul of our school will change.

- North View's guiding question is: What Makes a Community a Community? North View will work together as parents, staff and students to answer this guiding question.
- Sue talked about the need to get the kids who want to go to the Diploma School (at Park Center High School) ready for that. Tenth grade students at Park Center will all be a part of the MYP program.
- There will be a Choice Fair on November 5th at Brookdale
- North View will have an open house on November 15th from 6:00-8:00 P.M.
- Sue talked about IB assessment and how North View test scores from any class can be sent anywhere in the world to see if we are grading too high or too low.
- Diane Hawks, Media Center Specialist went to IB training
- Technology will be reported on the report cards relative to Art, Tech Ed and FACS
- Students are already working on Community and Service projects (Darrell Maloney coordinates the Community and Service). Students will be asked to reflect on how they are giving to the community.
- Chad Manders talked about the greeting cards students were working on. These cards would be delivered to Maranatha residents on October 19th & 26th
- Sue talked about the Media Release that was sent home and needed to be signed by all parents so that these community & service projects could be publicized. Language A staff will be collecting these forms.
- International Day will on different dates for each grade level. The 9th grade international day will be October 27th all day and will continue through conference time. November 1st will be the 7th grade day and November 4th will be for 8th grade. Those 2 dates will not go into the evening. There will be 15 international speakers on these dates. Students will get a chance to hear 3 speakers; they will receive a passport for their "travels". The choir will perform and the drumming class will perform. There will also be international lunches on those specific dates. The last 90 minutes of the day will be a time to reflect for the students.
- Sue also talked a little about gathering information for a parent handbook on the IB school.

The Next Site Council meeting will be Wednesday, November 9th from 4:30 – 6:30 in the North View Junior High Media Center. Jerry Johnson, Coordinator for PLC's will speak about the Professional Learning Communities (PLC's) at North View.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Site Council Secretary,

Nancy McElligott